

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

1. The priority claim acknowledgment in paragraph 12 of PTOL - 326 is appreciated.

2. An Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate sheet has been provided in accordance with 37 CFR 1.52(b)(4).

3. A substitute specification is enclosed and includes the cross reference to related applications required by Rule 78. It also includes section headings and a text modified in accordance with the American idiom. The substitute specification contains no new matter, being supported by the original drawing, and is accompanied by a marked up version showing the changes made.

4. Claims 1 to 9 have been replaced by new claims 10 to 16 carefully drafted to define the invention with particularity over the references. Proper antecedent basis is provided for all terminology.

The subject matter which induced the Examiner to issue a rejection under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112 is no longer claimed.

5. The new claims 10 to 16 are not obvious from MCKENZIE Patent 4,912,814 as taken with CALUORI Patent 6,109,490 since the references fail to suggest in any way the slide member (2) which as can be seen from the drawing has a central vertical axis of symmetry to downwardly converging holes, an upper support surface and a three disk configuration.

A key feature of the invention is that the member has a stable equilibrium position as is clearly shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 and without the original element 15, will maintain its orientation transverse to the cords in substantially all positions. Neither MCKENZIE nor CALUORI have an equivalent element. The element 48 of MCKENZIE may be cemented on the surface 46 but that surface is not a planar support forming the top disk of a series of three of progressively smaller diameter. The references, therefore, do not suggest the claimed invention.

Claims 10 to 16 therefore ought to be considered to be allowable.

An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enc: Substitute Specification
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Abstract of the Disclosure

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